

## ***David Cutler elected Chair of the Seattle Planning Commission***

*Seattle* - The Seattle Planning Commission elected new leadership earlier this month. **David Cutler** was elected by the Commission to serve as Chair. Cutler previously served as the Commission's Vice Chair alongside outgoing Chair Leslie Miller.

*"It was a distinct honor and a privilege to serve as chair of the Seattle Planning Commission and I thank all the members of the Commission for trusting me to represent the group's views and opinions." stated Miller, "As Vice Chair, Dave was a brilliant right-hand man who always had a measured response at the ready and a pen in his hand, ready to sketch out a solution. SPC will thrive under his leadership as Chair!"*



Cutler is an architect and senior associate at GGLO. His experience includes residential, institutional, and mixed-use architecture at many scales, with a focus in sustainable urban design and planning. At the block-, district-, and city-scale, his projects often include transit, public-private partnerships, performance-based codes, and significant public engagement. David co-chairs the Light Rail Review Panel and is a member of Seattle 2030 District. He has spoken regionally and nationally on topics related to urban design. David is a resident of Capitol Hill where he lives with his wife and three young children.

In addition to electing Cutler as their new chair, the Commission elected new leadership as follows;

- **Amalia Leighton** will serve as the Commission's Vice Chair.
- **Jeanne Krikawa** and **Colie Hough Beck** will serve as co-chairs for the Commission's Land Use and Transportation Committee.
- **Catherine Benotto** will chair the Commission's Housing and Neighborhood Committee
- **Mark Johnson** will serve as an at-large member of the Commission's Executive Committee
- The Commission recently formed a new Special Task Force that will lead the Commission's multi-year effort on the Major Update of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan. The Commission elected Commissioners **Josh Brower**, **Kevin McDonald**, and **Leslie Miller** to tri-chair the Special Task Force.

The leadership term will last until July 2013.